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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Condition Precedent to Briefing Members of the White House Staff on CIA Special Projects Imposed by the Attorney General

1. Recently the Deputy TSO/CIA briefed the Attorney General on T and TTH. During that briefing and in a subsequent telephone conversation between [REDACTED] and the Attorney General, Mr. Robert Kennedy stated that he desired to have an opportunity to occur in the briefing of members of the White House Staff on special CIA programs requiring special clearances. According to [REDACTED], the Attorney General specifically indicated that, in regard to T and TTH, he could see no reason for the Navy or Air Force aides to be briefed at this time. [REDACTED] also indicated that Mr. Kennedy had inquired of [REDACTED] representative, Mr. [REDACTED] as to whether the U-2 was still being flown operationally. [REDACTED] reportedly indicated that, to his knowledge, its flight over Soviet territory had been prohibited.

2. On 30 January 1961, [REDACTED] mentioned to General Goodpaster the view of the Attorney General and General Goodpaster evidenced some concern in this regard. General Goodpaster mentioned to [REDACTED] that he would take up this matter with the President or the Attorney General, pointing out that preliminary plan calls for the Navy Aide to fill in for Chester V. Clifton, the Military Aide to the President, on matters pertaining to several of these special programs. According to [REDACTED], General Goodpaster will advise [REDACTED] as to the reaction of the President and/or the Attorney General.

3. The above is for the record.

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